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Dan:

You asked for my personal views on the attached.

First, I think this is a legitimate area for ICS concern and probing. Even more important, I would think, would be a look at the Korean incident and the uniformly curious handling of the information by all of the town's nerve centers.

In the Lebanon case, sure, CRITIC would have been the procedurally-correct handling. But it is clear on the face of it that those who required the info had it. To be sure, NSA might have tweaked its collection arrangements, but theoretically NSA shouldn't be making arbitrary decisions without being tasked and the right officials were in possession of the information so as to have tasked NSA if they had thought to do so.

As bottom line...there may be too much verbiage in this paper but CRITIC will be useful only to the extent it is employed. CIA should not make itself an exception and this paper will help me drive that point home.

So...I would reduce the length and maybe some of the tone of the paper but go ahead and send the memos, in CIA's case to me, not DDO.

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